

**Efforts to Control Floods**

5323. **SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:**  
**SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:**

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the opinion of the experts made at the Centre for Science and Environment that controlling of flood by building dam and embankment had actually increased the incidence of floods in the country, and

(b) if so, the policies of the Government to reduce the negative impact of floods and positive impact in the form of fertilisation and ground-water recharge?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA). (a) Yes, Sir. Such a view has been expressed, but evaluation reports of schemes have indicated that embankments constructed have by and large served their purpose

(b) Emphasis is now also laid on flood management through non-structural measures such as flood forecasting, flood proofing and removal of drainage congestion. The positive impact of flood in the form of land fertilisation and ground water recharge is also seen in a few sub-basins

**Proposal of M/S. J.M.R.P.C.O. for Foreign Collaboration for Fast/Processed Food**

5324. **SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:**  
 Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) whether the proposal made by M/s. J.M.R.P.C.O. Limited for foreign collaboration for the production of fast food/processed food has since been examined by the foreign

Investment Promotion Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) to (c). Government have approved a joint venture proposal submitted by M/s. JMRPCO Ltd., a company incorporated in Hongkong having NRI equity share holding of 60% and 40% share holding by M/s. Coca Cola South Asia Holdings, wholly owned subsidiary of the Coca Cola Co. of USA with M/s. Britannia Industries Limited, Calcutta and Maharashtra State Government Agency for setting up a unit for manufacture of processed extruded snacks, processed nuts, stackable potato chips and non-alcoholic beverage bases/ essences in a backward district of Maharashtra by setting up a new company to be known as BRITCO Foods Pvt. Limited

**SCs/STs in Air India**

5325. **SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Air India; and

(b) the back log of reserved categories and the steps being taken to fill up the back log?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees in Air India as on 1.1.92 was as under:-

Scheduled Castes	-	3347
Scheduled Tribes	-	887